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DEQ Secretary Chuck Carr Brown issues declaration of emergency in response to flooding

BATON ROUGE – DEQ Secretary Chuck Carr Brown issued a declaration March 10 authorizing special measures in parishes included in Gov. John Bel Edward’s March 9 declaration of a state of emergency. Brown’s declaration of emergency and administrative order authorizes actions to “prevent irreparable damage to the environment and serious threats to life or safety throughout the ‘Emergency Areas.’”

Brown’s declaration lists emergency actions authorized at wastewater treatment plants, solid waste management facilities, hazardous waste disposal operations, asbestos cleanup sites, and where there are special wastes, underground storage tanks, open burning as well as general conditions.

Limitations and circumstances where special authorizations are required are spelled out in the order.

Brown’s order expires May 31 unless it is modified or extended by a further order.

A copy of the full order is available on [this link](#).